



2017 ASHOKA FELLOWS



1. Jithin Nedumala

Jithin is enabling children in India's orphanages to escape the cycle of poverty by supporting them to overcome their feeling of abandonment and building their self worth.



2. Anindita Majumdar

Anindita is challenging the inherent patriarchy in the governance system to activate women's participation in decision-making to make local governance truly representatives of the interests of their voters.



3. Neelkanth Mishra

Neelkanth is linking fragmented components, farmer groups, government schemes, fishery research institutes and the market to unleash the full potential of the fish and water plant farming industry.



4. Basit Jamal

Basit is creating a network of empowered Muslim youth and clerics to challenge and change the current radical narrative around Islam.



5. Sachin Jain

Sachin Jain is creating a cadre of informed and empathetic changemaker journalists and re-purposing their role from being passive reporters to critical agents who can influence large-scale social change.



6. Dr Manoj Kumar

Dr Manoj Kumar has created a free, comprehensive, community-based, volunteer-led and cost effective mental health care system to cater to those from the most economically backward groups of society.



7. Sarbani Das Roy

Sarbani Das Roy, is creating new roles for everyone in society, from school children, college youth, street vendors, police officials, to address India's mental health by becoming active care givers.



8. Sreeja S

Sreeja is driving systemic change in the public education system, by transforming assessment, classroom processes and teacher capacities.



9. Gangadhar Patil

Gangadhar is creating an independent media platform that connects rural reporters to national and international news publishers.



10. Monish Anand

Monish has built a new system to capture the creditworthiness of individuals from underserved and unserved markets.



11. Prof. Beena Chintalapuri

Dr. Beena is using cognitive psychology within the prison system to bring down recidivism rates of criminals from 80% to 1%.



12. Gaurang Raval

Gaurang building skills and leadership of youth to deal with different kinds of conflict they see in their environments.



13. Shreen Saroor

Shreen is organizing the grassroots women in Sri Lanka from different ethnicities and religions to collaborate and raise their voices to overcome post-war related and gender-related issues.



14. Deborah McCauley

Dr. Deborah McCauley is building a comprehensive health care system for endangered animals in the Himalayan belt, pushing the issue as an integral part of the International Conservation Strategy.